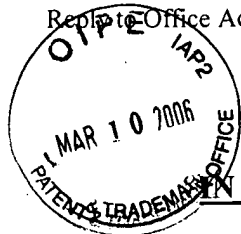


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2006, Applicant is hereby submitting a clean copy of the substitute specification.

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